

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
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For: TERNARY BIT LINE SIGNALING) Attorney Docket No. 003921.00148

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed March 6, 2006. Please charge any fees due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733. Any extensions of time needed for acceptance of this paper are hereby petitioned for. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In addition, as discussed below, Applicant submits that the remaining claims are also allowable.

Interview Summary

Because this is the third non-final Office Action in this matter and the claims have not needed amending, the undersigned representative initiated a telephone interview with the Examiner on May 12, 2006. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that he agreed that the asserted reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,310,818 to Mukai ("Mukai"), fails to teach or suggest both the first and second storage circuits as recited in claim 1. In reliance on this agreement, Applicant now provides the present response to the Office Action.

Arguments for Patentability

Because the Examiner agreed during the above-mentioned interview that Mukai fails to teach or suggest both the first and second storage circuits as recited in claim 1, Mukai therefore also fails to anticipate claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 is allowable over Mukai.

Independent claim 6 is also allowable over Mukai for at least similar reasons as claim 1.

The dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of depending from allowable independent claims, and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Conclusion

All rejections having been addressed, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner feels that an additional telephone call or personal interview would be beneficial to the examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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